

## IMPRESSIONS OF EUROPE

By Dr. W. H. ALEXANDER

The Editor of The Gateway should know something about professors by this time; at least they are part of the landscape around a university, and he must have seen them occasionally. And yet—and yet—what did he mean by asking me to write something about the universities of Europe? Does he think I am different from my colleagues? Or can it be that he has not yet realized that when professors go on tour, they carefully consult the guide-book at each important town, find out where the university is, and then zealously avoid it in favor of sundry wild and strange institutions variously known as "pubs," cafes, trattorie, hestiotoria, kapheneia, and what not where the real work of education (for them) goes on?

I saw the outside of the University of Lisbon, the University of Athens, the University of Naples, the University of Rome, and the Sorbonne, and I can say with great confidence that, viewed from the outside, the University of Athens is better looking than the other four put together. I viewed the funeral buildings of University College and King's College (University of London), and was duly depressed, as I think it is intended one should be. I ventured into University College and found the entrance hall completely filled with the bulletin boards, featuring a few score pernicious student "activities," the janitor's office, where coats and hats are thoughtfully checked by a person who looks like what I think a Lord-in-Waiting looks like, and finally by a statue of John Stuart Mill, looking very tired, as if he had just finished reading some treatise of his own on political economy. I met two students from the University of Athens, one ditto from the University of Naples (who spoke Chinese and Japanese in addition to five or six commonplace European languages), one ex-professor of mathematics of the University of Genoa, who explained to me with great elaborateness to just what degree of poverty he would have sunk by his sixtieth year had he remained a professor (which, after all, was but carrying coals to Newcastle on his part), a job lot of American college students engaged in forcing the English (or United States) language on Europe owing to the failure of the natives to solve their Parisian accent (which in company with the sound made by European locomotives is the most agonizing experience one can have in Europe), and— But no! I cannot struggle farther with that sentence; I am becoming like Von Somebody who has the whole history of the Hundred Years' War

between the two parts of a separable very ingeniously and in a never too much to be admired manner, in stuck. Well, I also met a very limited number of college professors, but those two I met just outside the General Post Office in Athens were real men, no matter what subjects they may happen to teach at home. And oh, you with whom I dined that July evening at New Phalerum, just three drachmas' worth of bus riding from the Acropolis, at that Russian restaurant where we were waited upon by that girl who either was a Russian princess or deserved to have been—you, I say, dear friend, are a man of fine, early training and a credit to your calling.

Then there was the Oxford man with whom I did Delphi. I shuddered to meet him at the Larissa station that morning in Athens because all my luggage was contained in a canvas bag of arguable color, but I need not have worried; he had his in a newspaper, quite a small newspaper, and a Greek newspaper at that. The principal part of his luggage was a small selection from the Greek Anthology; it was the part which he felt mattered. Well, he should have known; of the ripe age of twenty, he was now doing Europe for the fourth successive summer alone. He really should have been included in the list of students whom I met, and here I have got him all mixed up with the professors, but then, of course, he was an Oxford man.

Then the doctor at Basari in Crete, graduate of Athens, Vienna and Paris, ministering with the most

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REX SIMMONS

Former popular Varsity student whose death in Calgary recently came as a distinct shock to many university friends.

## REX SIMMONS PASSES AWAY

Former Popular Varsity Man Succumbs to Blood Poisoning After Brief Illness

It was with painful surprise that a host of University friends heard of the death of Reginald (Rex) Simmons, son of Chief Justice Simmons, and a former student at the University of Alberta.

Rex, who was employed as chemist at the Imperial Oil refineries in East Calgary, was substituting in another department of the plant from his own, and while there suffered a slight burn on his leg, due to escaping steam. Thinking nothing of it, he continued to work for a few days until forced to go to the hospital with blood poisoning. Despite the efforts of three of Calgary's most skillful physicians, he became rapidly worse, passing away on Dec. 23rd.

Rex had been married about a month prior to his death, his bride, Miss Hilda Wilson, having graduated from here last year with her degree in household economics.

Rex first came to the University in 1919. He registered in Medicine at that time, but later changed his course to that of Arts. He is best remembered as a staunch friend and energetic supporter of all forms of student activities. Rex was a great rugby player, in fact the star half-back of Varsity's 1921 team. He was also a boxer of real note, and for two years was chairman of the Boxing Club. During those two years the club made unprecedented advances in efficiency and its membership rose most rapidly. Rex (himself one of the best middleweights in Alberta) acted as boxing instructor for a considerable period of time.

Rex leaves to mourn his loss his wife (to whom he had been but recently married), his father, the Hon. W. C. Simmons, Chief Justice of Alberta, his mother, one sister, Miss Marjorie Simmons, and one brother, Ronald, a senior law student in this University.

## RUSH THAT PHOTO

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Law Seniors! Call at McDermid's now and get your pictures taken for the year book.

## Retiring Editor-in-Chief

The opening of the New Year marks the end of a highly successful term of office for The Gateway's editor-in-chief, Bruce Macdonald.

Fortunate enough to have editors, outstanding for their energy and forethought, The Gateway, during its brief history, has made steady progress towards a higher standard of journalism. Bruce has proven a worthy successor to his eminent predecessors. He has not only augmented this paper's influence and organization, but also by a vigorous carrying out of the idea of a Press Club, has laid a foundation for further growth in the field of journalism at the University.

At the beginning of the 1923-24 session, after a successful term as editor of Casseroles, Bruce assumed the duties of Associate Editor. From that time he has served the student body through The Gateway, with its constant demand on time and energy. His versatility and aggressiveness in the newspaper field has been rewarded by a growing interest in journalism on the part of the staff, and by a hearty response from Gateway readers. During his term of office Bruce has carried out successfully a two-fold aim: to promote student activities through attractive news columns, and to reflect and guide student opinion through the editorial column. By giving prominence to things of moment when they occurred he promoted interest in activities where student backing meant success or failure; and his judgment and insight into student affairs found expression in an effective and popular editorial column.

During his term of office Bruce's tact, efficiency and executive ability have inspired the confidence of his staff, and his absence will be keenly felt. These energies are only diverted, however, and will add vitality to those fields of student life for which they are now freed.



## FIVE DEBATERS HARD AT WORK

Team Chosen Before Holidays Already Preparing Defense For McGoun Cup

Once more the Inter-Varsity Debate looms large upon our horizon. The tryout was held before the Xmas holidays, and the five leaders have been chosen, four regulars and one substitute. The debate takes place on the first Friday in February.

On Saturday, Dec. 13th, thirteen debaters—Miss Ethel Cobb, Miss B. Buckley, Messrs. D. McKenzie, K. McKenzie, Max Wershof, Eric Cormack, Ray Klinck, D. Ramsey, J. Saucier, E. J. Thompson, M. Baker, W. Oke, and J. H. Jones—presented themselves to try out for positions on the two teams in the coming debate. Some fear was felt by the more timorous because of the combination of thirteen, thirteen students meeting on the thirteenth day of December, in the thirteenth lunar month, but Mr. Klinck stoutly defends his belief that it is an unusually lucky omen.

The judges, Drs. Alexander, Hardy, Gordon and Macdonald, with Prof. Burt and Prof. Drummond, chose the debaters, not on former reputation or experience, but on the manner in which they presented the case during the tryout.

As a result of their choosing, Max Wershof, who debated for Victoria High School last year; Don McKenzie, who has tried his hand at more than one branch of University activity; Eric Cormack, of track fame, and Ray Klinck, who first won his laurels at Crescent Heights, Calgary, will represent the University against Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while Don Ramsey holds himself in readiness to fill in, if for any reason one of the first four cannot act. Here we have representatives from each of the four years hailing from Edmonton, from Calgary and one from far-away Scotland; surely our teams will not lack for variety in viewpoint. Of all these boys, perhaps Wershof is the least known, and certainly the youngest, but he has a fine record behind him, even though he lost his debate last year against Seona High.

The rule is that the negatives are to do the travelling, and although they have not yet been chosen the boys are busy with the pros and cons of "Resolved, that the Senate of Canada should be abolished," as they will no doubt continue to be until the day of the debate arrives.

## PHARMACY LUNCHEON

The Pharmacy Club held its first luncheon on Thursday, January 8th, in the Lounge. This, being a new movement of the club, proved to be quite a feature and many were the expressions of complete satisfaction heard at the conclusion of the meeting.

After the dinner, Professor Dunn introduced Mr. Graydon, an over-the-counter druggist, and the "Daddy" of Pharmacy in Alberta. Mr. Graydon emphasized the necessity of pharmacists restricting themselves to their profession. He also compared the old-time Pharmacy to that of the present day. After Mr. Graydon's interesting talk, Professor Dunn moved a vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded the speaker, and the meeting then adjourned.

The club wishes to announce that a series of valuable speeches will feature the programs of future luncheons.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Ald. A. U. G. Bury will be the Sunday morning speaker in Convocation Hall.

## SCIENCE FACULTY SEEKS NOVELTY

Committee in Charge of Undergrad Dance Promises Many Innovations

The combined talents and resources of the Science Faculty are at present engaged in most elaborate preparations for the Undergrad Dance. Electricians, physicists, surveyors, miners—in fact, all types included in the general term "Engineers," and each one of them a master of his craft—all are devoting their time and energies towards making the Undergrad this year "bigger and better than ever." The dance is to be held on Friday, January 16, in Athabasca Hall.

Though the committee in charge refuse to divulge all their plans, they do tell you to expect to find the Athabasca dining hall transformed into a beautiful seashore. There will be caves for the shy to hide in and steep cliffs for the bold to climb, besides many other original and interesting things. The dance will begin at 8:30, and will include in all sixteen dances and four extras. "That is all for now," said the sage. "The wise will find out more." By the "wise" it is presumed that he means those brainy ones who will rush to the Arts rotunda when tickets are put on sale about January 14. This is one of the most important functions of the year, and the committee in charge assure every one a delightful time.



J. C. MAHAFFY

Who is retiring as Managing Editor of The Gateway, after a highly successful term of office.

## SOPHS GO SLEIGHING FRIDAY

Bringing a touch of originality into the slightly jaded amusements of the Undergrads of this institution, the Sophomores, on Saturday evening of this week, are holding a sleigh riding party. A number of sleighs, up-hoistered in the best straw, and drawn by steeds of which Jehu would have been proud, should furnish a drive that the Valkyries would envy.

One of the aristocrats of the class has invited the entire party to his mansion at the close of the drive, where supper will be served and revelry indulged in until a late but respectable hour.

The time of starting is seven o'clock; the point of departure, the rear of the Hall of Beauty—Pembina. All Sophomores are urged to buy tickets and to seize the opportunity for some outside exercise. This is a new brand of athletics, and the "A" that is given is "A" good time.

## CALGARY REQUESTS JUNIOR COLLEGE

Delegation Interviews Government—Ask Two Years' University Work

EXPENDITURE \$13,500

Would Use Institute of Technology—Decentralization Their Strong Argument

A strong bid for the first and second years of university work, to be taught in the technical institute building in Calgary, is being made by Calgary citizens. On Tuesday, December 30, a delegation of fifteen strong, in which all interests of the southern metropolis were represented, put their case before the members of the provincial cabinet, in Edmonton. In reply to the request, Premier Greenfield promised that the question would be considered, but necessarily from the standpoint of whether or not the province could undertake at the present time the expenditure involved.

**History of Question**  
The history of the question of university courses for Calgary dates back to 1914. At that time Calgary had asserted a claim to more adequate facilities for higher education. To investigate their case, the government at that time appointed a commission which, after investigating educational conditions in the province, made certain recommendations. In the main these were that the Institute of Technology and Art be empowered to grant certificates and diplomas and to give instruction in certain specified subjects, and such other subjects within the scope of the institution and as determined from time to time.

The Calgary delegation maintain that the Institute of Technology was not yet attempted to do the work which was recommended by the Commission in 1914. In reply to this argument, formerly presented in a memorandum to the minister of education, Premier Greenfield stated that the question would have to be faced in the light of present conditions. A great many changes have taken place since 1914, when the Commission made its recommendations, and many desirable movements have been side-tracked. Conditions are not yet back to normal, and the government is in a position where it must move carefully.

**The Scheme**  
During his visit to Calgary in Christmas week, Hon. Perren Baker, minister of education, was presented with a memorandum in which the Calgary delegation outlined the following scheme for junior college work.

These subjects would be taught in Junior Arts and Science work: English, French, Latin, History, Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy, Political Economy, Natural Sciences and possibly German.

Cost of instruction is estimated at \$20,000, as follows:  
Three professors at \$4,000.....\$12,000  
Two assistant professors..... 5,400  
Administration ..... 2,600  
Income from fees would amount to about \$6,500, assuming an enrolment of one hundred, together with special enrolment for teachers' courses. This would leave a net estimated expenditure of \$13,500 necessary to carry on the classes for the year.

**Calgary's Argument**  
The main argument put forth by the delegation for extending university facilities to Calgary is that, if a well-founded scheme of decentralization were adopted, the privileges of the university could be extended to those who would otherwise never enjoy them. It is claimed that where as there are at present only forty students from Calgary attending university at Edmonton, with classes in Calgary the attendance would approximate one hundred and twenty-five.

Furthermore, it is asserted that the cost of providing extra accommodation for these students in Calgary would be no greater than if the same number were to take up their studies in Edmonton.

As to what success the Calgary representation will meet with in their claims the Herald comments in a recent editorial in this vein:

"It is not safe to assume that Calgary's request is going to be soon granted. The most that can be said is that the delegation made out an excellent case, and that progress has been achieved."

## LAW BANQUET THURSDAY

The annual Law banquet will take place on Thursday, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Palm Room of the Macdonald Hotel.

R. B. Bennett, K.C., of Calgary, will give the address of the evening. This should prove most instructive, as the speaker is one of the leading counsel of Alberta. There will also be toasts proposed and responded to by members of the faculty, barristers and students.

The program is in the hands of the executive of the club, and the banquet should prove to be one of the big events of the year in the Faculty of Law. All those intending to go will kindly sign the list in the Law Library, so that plans may be completed in good time. A large attendance is necessary to make the affair a success, both socially and financially, so there should be 100 per cent. attendance on the part of the students.

## VARSITY SCORES WIN OVER VICS

Takes Long End of 4—2 Score in Fast Exhibition

MacDONALD STARS

Big Crowd Witnesses Contest—Powers and Morris Prove Real Finds For Varsity

By handing the Victorias, the rejuvenated Penn Miner team of last year, a 4-2 defeat at Jimmy Smith's Arena Wednesday night the Varsity senior hockey squad grabbed the opener in the City League. The game was one of the most thrilling opening performances seen in these parts for many years, and every one of the five hundred odd fans that witnessed the performance were satisfied they got their money's worth. From the first gong until Macdonald had stopped the last of his thirty odd shots in the last period the game was a thriller and the large numbers of Varsity supporters that turned out were well rewarded to see their favorites returned victors.

The star performance of the evening was turned in by D. P. Macdonald Varsity net custodian, who certainly nailed the hump up in fine style. He stopped shots from all angles, and it was heart-breaking to the Vics to see their attempts frustrated. The Varsity forward line, though not as fast as the Vics, more than made up for it with their back-checking, and right here it can be said for a great part of the game they had the striped sweated boys bewildered. Lawton, of last year's championship team, turned in a fine performance, notching the second goal. His back-checking was a treat to watch, and Wilf has certainly not lost his old-time speed. The treat of the evening was supplied by Pal Powers and Pat Morris, who completed the forward line along with Lawton. This is their first year in senior company, and they certainly filled the gaps left by Coupey and Pal Powers' older brother Bill, of last year's team. Morris turned in a stellar performance in grabbing off two goals and two assists, and his work around the goal mouth left little to be desired. Young Powers is a duplicate of his big brother, with persistent back-checking and a beautiful hook check. He added to his work by grabbing the first goal on a pass from Morris. Wunk Williams and Runge teamed together on the defence, and though not particularly strong on the offensive, stopped the Vics rushes in fine style. Scott, Foster and Carney completed the green and gold lineup, and all did well when they were on.

For the Victorias, Collingwood, Maher and Singleton on the forward line fairly burnt the place up with speed, but appeared to lack finish

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES IN GATEWAY STAFF

Watts Succeeds Bruce Macdonald as Editor—MacKenzie, New Associate—Oke, Managing Editor

The end of the editorial year has brought about several important changes in the staff of The Gateway. Bruce Macdonald, editor-in-chief for the past year, now retires, and along with him Jim Mahaffy, who has served during that time as Managing Editor. Their places have been taken by Wesley Watts, and Wesley Oke, while Kenneth MacKenzie has been promoted from News Editor to Associate. The position of News Editor has been left vacant for the present.

At a meeting of the Students' Council held on Thursday, January 8th, Mr. Macdonald, whose period of office terminated with the calendar year, recommended the appointment of Wesley T. Watts as his successor as editor-in-chief, this recommendation being adopted by Council. Mr. Watts has been Associate Editor of the paper for the past year, having previously been one of the regular reporter staff. As Associate he has had the responsibility generally for the detailed management of the paper, and more particularly the news page, much of the feature work, and some of the editorial writing. He has proved a very capable assistant to the editor, and now succeeds to the editorial chair with the benefits of long experience and a thorough knowledge of the work of The Gateway. Mr. Watts is an Arts and Medical student, and graduates this year in Arts.

Kenneth C. MacKenzie during the fall has displayed notable energy and ability as News Editor, and has well merited his promotion to the position of Associate Editor, despite his comparatively short experience with newspaper work. He is an Arts man and is this year taking his Junior year work.

To the position of Managing Editor, which Mr. Mahaffy has so ably filled for the past year, Mr. Watts has appointed Wesley Oke, a third year Arts student. While a good deal of a newcomer to the journalistic ranks, Mr. Oke has done excellent work, and has already gained considerable experience in the duties of his new office.

With such an excellent staff, The Gateway can look forward with every confidence to a term of great success in university newspaper work.



## THE GATEWAY

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## A NEW YEAR'S CHANGE

With the closing of 1924 comes the closing of another editorial year, and with it The Gateway turns over a clean page, with a new staff to jct or blot thereon.

We, new in authority, naturally look back to our predecessors. It is they who have set us the high standard in which there is the urge for us to put forth our greatest efforts. They have also left us an efficient organization, which it is our duty to maintain, and the sympathetic support of a student body from whom we expect to derive a great deal of pleasure in working with.

It is with a full consciousness of our manifold shortcomings that the varied duties which devolve on an editor are undertaken.

This newspaper's ideal has always been to live up to the name, "The Gateway"—to make the paper a portal by which students can enter into a more intimate fellowship through a wider interest in student activities. Such an aim, which has been so well maintained by our former chief, is yet an ideal in our own case. We only ask the students to bear with us in our efforts to live up to this high standard.

## NEW DEBATERS

Before the close of the Christmas term four well-known judges picked from a group of competitors the four men who will represent Alberta in the Inter-Varsity debates taking place early in February.

The team chosen, consisting of men comparatively unknown in debating circles, will, it is true, lack in strength and greatly in the prestige of the last year's winners of the McGoun Cup. However, "debaters are not made in a day," and Alberta will be able to develop platform speakers again just as those were developed who so ably contested against the Oxford team on their recent visit. Furthermore, the fact that in the tryouts, Alberta's present team members showed their superiority over students of known ability in debating circles, indicates them worthy representatives for Varsity.

There is also a part for the student body to play in the defence of the McGoun Cup. Call it moral support, or a less hackneyed name; that chance remark or incidental demonstration of interest in the debate and its issue will go far in aiding the team to achieve success.

## MANAGING EDITOR RETIRES

With the termination of the editorial year, The Gateway will lose another efficient executive man through the retirement of Jim Mahaffy, former Managing Editor.

Our cordial, blazen-haired friend took over the duties of managing editor a little more than a year ago. In spite of an exacting law course and work in the field of debating and student government, he has given wholeheartedly of time and energy in Gateway duties. The result has been a steady improvement in the "make-up" of the paper, the managing editor's special field.

Jim's efficiency and geniality have not only resulted in a successful term for him, but have made it a pleasure for fellow staff members to work with him.

## APROPOS

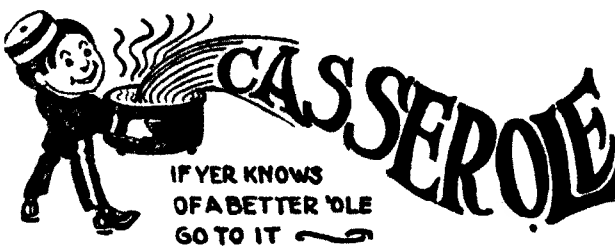
In this issue there appears a hockey schedule, in which Varsity's home games are given special prominence. It is recommended to cut it out and follow the schedule from game to game. Though it may not be possible to attend the hockey games at the South Side rink, the boys will be encouraged to know that a large body of fans are watching for their success in the defence of the big trophy won last year.

It was with painful surprise and deep regret that a wide circle of University friends learned of the death of Rex Simmons, a former student here. Though always prominent as a crack boxer and star rugby player, Rex was better known as a good fellow and a true friend. In extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Simmons and to Rex's family and relatives, we are speaking for the student body, who had so appreciated his manly qualities.

With a good turnout of Varsity and ex-Varsity students the party at the Calgary Plaza during Christmas week proved the most successful evening of its kind yet held. The Alumni Committee, who were in charge of the event, are to be congratulated on its success. Such yearly affairs should prove of real value in developing a closer relationship and a spirit of co-operation between the Alumni members and Varsity students.

The Gateway has been fortunate recently, in having several good articles submitted for publication. These articles are always appreciated, even though lack of space may not allow for their immediate publication. Furthermore, it is suggested that contributors submit their names, even though their article is to be printed under an assumed name, since this is the only means The Gateway has of getting in touch with worthy contributors.

Those who have had the good fortune to hear Dr. Alexander in any of his addresses concerning his recent European tour will perhaps wonder whether he



Sweet Young Thing: "Why don't you go to church occasionally, Freddie?"  
"Slippy" Barclay: "Well—it's always pulled off on Sunday, and then there's generally something else to do."

## POME

There was a young fellow named Bright,  
Who left up the shade, though he turned on the light,  
With results very sad  
For six very bad  
Young ladies who ruined their sight.

Entertaining a Pembinites is what we call a neckless extravagance.

## New Year's Cheer

Judge: "Take your choice: ten dollars or ten days. Hurry up."  
Bill Dean: "Aw, what's your rush? I'll take my time."

## Leap Year Rush Casualties

Both Jack McAllister and Bill Jewett got engaged on the last day of the old year.

## Oh, Dear!

She is very dear to me,  
This pretty little lass.  
But I no longer stop or tarry  
When I see she's about to pass;  
For though she's very dear to me,  
Far dearer is the gas.

W. H. R. MacLaren, ex '27.

Casseroleroomeo approves of the giving spirit of the season. Even casual acquaintances produce matches now without being asked.

Murray: "When I marry, I'm going to get a girl that can take a joke."

Weir: "Don't worry; that's the only kind that you'll ever get."

Bill Bloor: "I made a political speech in the Students' Parliament last night."

Fair One: "Really! How did you come out?"

Bill: "Limping, but wasting no time."

## Fashion Notes

It has been announced that muffs are coming back into fashion. This means, we hope, that there'll be fewer cauliflower ears among the Athabaskan sheiks.

Many a kalsomined complexion is a whitened sepulchre now. Just think of how many turkeys Pembinites are the final repositories.

## What We Are Waiting For Now

A Cross-word Puzzle Fox Trot. Also some jests for this colyum.

He who laughs last. The editor of this line of blah, when a hopeful student throws a joke off his chest.

## We Regret to Announce That—

Bobby Harrison denies that he has accepted the post of Intellectual advisor to the Freshettes. He claims that his offer was withdrawn on account of his being horsed again in Latin 1 and 3 where he pulled down only 96 per cent.

Practically all the water in the oceans is below sea level.

The main difference between a girl chewing gum and a cow chewing her cud is that the cow at least, looks thoughtful.

## Fashion Notes

Etiquette books say  
That people of good breeding  
Wear clothes that are  
Inconspicuous.  
A girl I know  
Must be awfully well-bred  
Because I saw her on the street  
And her dress was so inconspicuous  
That it wasn't until I was real close  
That I could say for sure  
That she had one on.

His christian name is Tommy  
His second name is Cross  
He thinks himself a prophet  
His folks think him a loss.

Mr. Weir in Torts I: "What do you think of this suit, Mr. Ross?"  
Stan (regaining consciousness): "It fits very well, sir."

Our Murray is pale and weak in the knees  
His eyes are open, but nought he sees;  
He sure looks the bunk,  
You think he's been drunk?  
Yes with love. He has the D. T.s.

## SLEIGHING PARTY SATURDAY

In the heading on the front page the day of the Soph sleighing party is misstated. This event will take place Saturday, January 10, and not on Friday as stated in the heading.

or his listeners have derived the greatest enjoyment from that trip.

The Gateway, thinking the opportunity too rare to miss, requested an article for The Gateway, to which Dr. Alexander, with a characteristic willingness, acceded.

This account, headed "Impressions of Europe," is a characteristically excellent one, and dealing with a subject of interest to University students, we should not miss the opportunity of reading it.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir,—A distressing rumor has gone about the halls since the first of the new session to the effect that all non-resident students are to be shortly excluded from all Saturday night dances. Whether or not one is justified in attaching any credence whatsoever to the rumor, non-resident patrons of these informal dances are properly horrified at this apparent discrimination against them. They do not pretend to be as skilled dancers or as graceful conversationalists as their confreres and consociates of the residences, but they advance this delinquency as an argument for their participation in these activities.

This University is, I think, singularly and happily free from any resident-versus-non-resident-student problem. It should be the policy of our authorities to zealously preserve this entity, and any suggestion which might, if accepted, be destructive to such unity should be scrupulously rejected.

It may be that our fears are entirely groundless; we hope this is so. But if the disquieting rumor is to develop into something even more disquieting than a rumor, then, I beg, Mr. Editor, that this protest be granted the publicity of your correspondence column.

Yours sincerely,  
A NON-RESIDENT.

## MITT ARTISTS TO GET INTO ACTION

Tournament Jan. 22nd — Both  
Novice and Open Classes—  
Hopes For Many Varsity  
Competitors

The Annual Northern Alberta Elimination Boxing Tournament is to be held this year on the 22nd of this month. This comes as good news to the followers of the fistic game at the Varsity, as it provides the mitt artists a long enough period to get into shape. Coupled with the showing put forth at the first boxing meet the Green and Gold color-bearers should be counted upon to put up a good argument for premier laurels. The tournament this year will be divided into two divisions, the open and the novice, giving to newcomers ample opportunity to show their stuff. The card will be composed of the following classes with both novice and open divisions for each event.

## Heavyweight.

175 lbs. and under.  
160 lbs. and under.  
147 lbs. and under.  
135 lbs. and under.  
126 lbs. and under.  
118 lbs. and under.  
112 lbs. and under.  
100 lbs. and under.

This gives enough variety of classes so no boxer will have to fight out of his own class.

Last year the event was one of the most successful. There is no reason why a repetition cannot take place, and as there are two divisions, novice and open, anyone who has tendencies along this line is requested to turn out in the lower gym and start training immediately.

## TOUR FOR STUDENTS

As information has been requested from several quarters regarding the University Students' Tour, it is considered important that all the particulars should be made public.

The entire third-class accommodation of the C.P.S. "Marburn" has been chartered for the eastward voyage, the ship sailing from Montreal on June 27, 1925. The return voyage will be started from Liverpool on August 19th, and S.S. "Montreal" has been chartered for this part of the trip. The "Montreal" will call at Cherbourg on August 21st, at which port the teachers' party will embark. In England the itinerary will include, York, Cambridge, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick and Kenilworth. About ten days will be spent in France, where the entire party will visit Fontainebleau and Versailles and several of the battlefields, including Verdun and Amiens. Returning to England a fortnight will be spent in London and its vicinity. Leaving London the party will proceed to Liverpool, where it will embark on the "Montreal" for the homeward voyage. During the first part of the trip Scotland will be visited.

At the present time the exact cost of the trip cannot be stated, but it is estimated that it will be in the neighborhood of \$350.00. Membership will be confined this year to undergraduates of universities, graduates of 1924 and 1925, and students actually engaged in post-graduate work.

Application forms may be obtained either from Dean Kerr's office or from Mr. T. Ney, honorary organizer, Overseas Educational League, 607 Boyd Building, Winnipeg, Man. All members of the student body may take advantage of the special steamship facilities which the League provides for the tour.

RACIAL DIFFERENCES  
A MENACE TO PEACE

"A German leader, speaking in Munich University, while admitting the fault of German policy, vindicated the Kaiser and accused England of the crime of the last great war." This, stated Professor Eaton, of the University of Saskatchewan, speaking to the German students last Friday evening, represents the present attitude of Germany to the rest of Europe. There is much hatred against the French, particularly the "Black Troops" who had carried out the occupation of the Ruhr. The speaker gave it as his opinion that there will always be at least a snapping of teeth between the Latin and Teuton races, and a consequent disturbing of world peace.

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## MED STUDENTS PREPARING FUN

Annual Med Nite to Be Held February 27—Strong Committees at Work

Med Nite, one of the outstanding events of the second term, is announced for February 27. As this is the first year in which medical students will graduate from this University, the evening's entertainment will have as its focus the graduating class. Many innovations are promised by those in charge, and it seems already evident that the high standard of previous Med Nites will be maintained this year.

Under the able direction of Charlie McKenzie numerous committees are already at work. Rehearsals have started, and the faculty has shown great interest in the undertaking. The following is a list of those in charge and the departments which they superintend:

Decorations: H. L. Nix.  
Properties: P. S. Langston.  
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Orchestra: W. A. Jarret, D. I. Weston.  
Seating: W. S. Saunders.  
Cheer Leader: G. Haworth.  
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### NOTES ON THE GAME

The Varsity squad was a surprise to most of the supporters, as they figured it would be hard to fill the places of last year's stars.

"D.P." still has the old eye, and Herb Stuart can't consider his job any too safe with this B.C. boy around.

Like last year's games there was a large crowd of Varsity fans around but no systematic cheering. How about a cheer leader for next game, and a little more moral support for the boys.

Wunk was robbed of a real goal in the second period, when he batted in Powers' assist, but Deeton saw it different and ruled it offside.

Manager McMillan and Coach Dr. Hardy were all smiles to see their efforts were rewarded so well.

Dreadnaughts versus Varsity at Arena Friday night.

### VARSITY SCORES WIN OVER VICS

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around the goal mouth. McIntyre, who starred with the Imperial Oil last year, and Ferris, put up a fine defensive game, and Ferris contributed by annexing the Vics second goal. King in goal, made his debut in senior ranks, and looks fairly good, but is slow in clearing. All shots that beat him were from close in, however, and he had no possible chance. Duggan, captain of last year's Varsity squad, showed up well, and appears to have speeded up from last year. Horn, McMahon and Day completed the sub list.

The first period opened at a fast clip, with both teams making beautiful two and three-man rushes. The green and gold efforts were soon rewarded, and within ten minutes they had notched two goals, Powers getting the first one from Morris, and Lawton the second from Morris. The Victorias opened up during the latter part of the period, scoring their second and last goal of the game just as the period ended.

The second period was not quite as fast as the first, due to the back-checking. Lawton, Powers and Morris worked like trojans, and for the best part had the Vics checked off their feet. About half-way through the period Morris and Carney combined to get the prettiest goal of the night. On a two-man rush they went completely through the Vic defence and had little trouble beating King, Morris taking the shot and Carney getting the assist. Wunk Williams also scored this period, but his efforts were called offside. The period was inclined to be rough, with Maher getting five minutes and Lawton and McIntyre three minute apiece.

The third period brought forward the real thrills of the game, with Varsity playing a purely defensive game and the Vics on the aggressive from the start. They rained shot upon shot on the Varsity goal, but it was as good as boarded up, and their efforts were futile. Toward the end of the period Morris cinched the game by getting a goal from a mixup in front of the Vic net. For the last five minutes the Vics put all their men on the forward line, but this brought no results, and the game ended 4-2.

The game was exceptionally clean, only five penalties being handed out, and the work of Harold Deeton on the bell was satisfactory to both teams.

The lineups were as follows:

Varsity	Goal	Vics
McDonald	Goal	King
Williams	Defense	Ferris
Range		McIntyre
Lawton	Forward	Singleton
Powers		Collingwood
Morris		Maher
Scott	Subs	McMahon
Foster		Horn
Carney		Duggan

### Goal Summary

First Period—Powers from Morris.  
Varsity—Lawton from Morris.  
Vics—Singleton.  
Vics—Ferris.  
Second Period—  
Varsity—Morris from Carney.  
Third Period—  
Varsity—Morris.

Penalties  
First Period—None.  
Second Period—Maher, 5 mins.; Lawton and McIntyre, 3 mins.; Morris, 2 mins.  
Third Period—Williams, 8 mins.

## SECOND SYMPHONY CONCERT SUCCESS

Selections of Popular Appeal and Whole Performance of Good Grade

The second concert of the season given by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Sunday evening, December 21, in the New Empire theatre, consisted of numbers of popular appeal, and generally was considered to be of better grade than the first.

The program opened with Mancinelli's overture from the opera Cleopatra. This is the composer's best known work, and was well rendered. The delightful suite, Ballet Russe by Luigini, was followed by Rachmaninoff's favorite and well known Prelude in G Minor. Both these numbers were warmly received.

Eventide, a beautiful melody for strings by Bennett, was much enjoyed. The concluding number, Herold's famous overture, "Zampa," drew enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Gordon James was the soloist of the evening. She gave to Granville Bantock's "Lament of Isis" a splendid interpretation, and as an encore sang Guion's "Mary Alone," a song inspired by the Great War.

Mr. Vernon Barford conducted in a most able manner, and was the excellent accompanist.

## PHARMACISTS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Club Members Turn Out Full Strength to Feast at Macdonald

Last Monday evening the Pharmacy club gathered in the Macdonald for the second Annual Banquet. The local druggists and wholesalers were well represented and the pharmacy classes turned out in full strength. Professor Dunn made a very able chairman and an ideal entertainer.

Ed. Lyons, the secretary of the Pharmacy Association, gave a few words about the principles of the Association and the duties it performed. The club was also very fortunate in having a capable speaker and entertainer present in the person of Mr. Sperry of Parke Davis & Co., Detroit, Mich., who contributed to the spirit of the evening by his refreshing humor. Mr. J. Peacock, manager of the Revellion Drug Dept., gave an interesting talk on retail drug business outlining the motives essential to become a successful druggist.

Mr. G. H. Graydon, the oldest pharmacist in Alberta, was present and in his address described the days when Pharmacy was a much different art to that of today. Mr. Heath, a member of the Council gave a few remarks on the workings of the organization and it was evident that he was a very active member.

Mr. Meters, in proposing a toast to the faculty, spoke of the good fellowship among the students of the Pharmacy class and also commented on their good fortune in having such able men as Professors Dunn and Matthews who take an active part in the social activities of the class and individuals.

The evening's programme consisted largely of the selections of the orchestra, piano solos and duets. The first year howlers and 2nd year melody dispensers provided a good portion of the entertainment.

We may add that the president of the Pharmaceutical Association was unable to be present but the fact that he had the interest of being present at heart may be shown from the following telegram to Professor Dunn: "I cannot explain just how sorry I am at not being able to attend this function, and feel that I really should have put in an appearance, but it came just at the time when it was absolutely impossible for me to get away. I am sure all the boys will have enjoyed themselves and hope you will express apologies for me. You know these club banquets are a fine thing for the students. It is part of student life that is looked forward to and has a tendency of greater co-operation among the University, the teachers and the pupils. It strikes a spot of remembrance that is carried through life and tends to break the monotony of the general routine of class studies."

## SENATE SANCTIONS SEVERAL DEGREES

Awards in May to Students Successful in Fall Supps

At a meeting of the University Senate, held on December 5, 1924, those students whose success in the Fall supplements entitled them to their respective degrees were recommended as follows:

To the Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Misses H. S. Armstrong, and M. H. Matthias, and Messrs. Don Currie and Frank Grindley.

To the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Arts: Miss Anne Kennedy.

To the Degree of Bachelor of Arts ad eundem: Miss H. A. Barnes, B.A., and Messrs. F. Bagnall, B.A., G. W. Robertson, B.A., G. M. Miller, B.A., C. H. Robinson, B.A., and V. Way, B.A.

To the Degree of Bachelor of Commerce: Kenneth Price Duggan.

To the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Arts, ad eundem: Elizabeth Catherine Ferguson, B.Sc.

To the Degree of Bachelor in Laws: P. W. Downing, W. N. Poole and J. M. Thom.

To the Degree of Master of Arts: The Misses H. Chalmers, B.A., and A. Wilkie, B.A., and Messrs. H. E. Smith, B.A., A. E. Torrie, B.A., and J. Yatchew, B.A.

These degrees, although they have already been sanctioned by the Senate, will not be conferred until Convocation in May.

## HOLIDAY DANCE AT PLAZA IN CALGARY

Calgary Alumni Play Hosts to University Students in the City

Varsity students in Calgary were delightfully entertained when the Alumni gave their New Year's dance at the Plaza on Monday, December 29. For this evening the Christmas decorations were forced to divide the honors with the Varsity colors. Red and green crepe paper ribbons formed a charming arch over the heads of the dancers, while the lights were shaded with the evergreen and gold. Huge squawking balloons distributed during the evening added much to the general holiday spirit of play.

The Plaza Orchestra was at its best. One surprise of the evening was that on the announcement of the "Varsity Dance" the orchestra played a moonlight waltz.

The committee in charge is to be congratulated on the success of its efforts. This committee consisted of Miss R. Williams and Messrs. Snyder, MacMillan and Jim Davidson.

## CHRISTMAS FEAST CLOSED THE YEAR

Five Hundred Resident Students Dined in Athabasca Hall

HON. PERRIN BAKER SPEAKS

Tables Cleared Away for Informal Dance After Banquet Was Over

The annual house banquet given in Athabasca dining hall was an enjoyable rounding off of last year's social calendar. The five hundred resident students present partook of an informal dinner served in true holiday style. The long white tables were decorated with red-shaded candles and miniature Christmas trees. The scene was completed with the popping of the Xmas crackers which disclosed whistles and gayly colored caps.

The toast to the King, proposed by Sid Stephens, was responded to with the singing of "God Save the King" by the Company. Dr. Tory answered the toast to the University, proposed by C. K. Muir. J. Mahaffy proposed the toast to the Province. In responding, the Hon. J. Perrin E. Baker drew a glowing picture of an old-fashioned Christmas, with the youths bringing in the Yule-logs and the fair maidens hanging up the mistletoe, of which the present scene reminded him. Dr. Vango rendered "Aubade Provencale" by Couperin. Then Miss Haw gave a short talk on the origin of Christmas. Two instrumental trios by Messrs. Gardener, Nichols and Vango, followed. Miss D. Young sang "Until." Miss Aylesworth gave a reading entitled, "When Elizabeth Went Home." Messrs. Gale, Houston, Johns and Nichols, in a spirited manner, sang the old drinking song, "Crabapple." Thus this delightful program was brought to a close. After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the women adjourned to the lounge, while the men cleared the hall for the short dance which followed.

### EXCHANGE

Items of Interest From the Pens of Other Universities

Yea, verily. We always said so, and now McGill tells us the same thing.

Here's how the editor of the "Daily" puts it:

Women are the weaker sex, according to the results of the debate held last night by the Societe Francaise and Cercle Francais Clubs. It must be admitted, however, by many who attended last night's function, that they accepted the decision of the judges with somewhat relieved feelings.

Perhaps this doesn't apply to the U. of A., but it may prove valuable as a hint. The janitor of the Ohio State University gave out this information lately:

Every night, the janitor in the Ohio State University Library sweeps up the results of a day's amours.

Notes torn in pieces are the chief external indications of the "Library dates," that have taken place during the day. Every two weeks three boxes of paper weighing 125 pounds each are sent away from the Library to be sold.

One method of exchanging notes has been found popular in the Library. One member of the exchange places the note in a book on the reading room shelves. The other comes and takes it away.

"I wish students wouldn't tear them up," the janitor says; "they are so hard to sweep up."

"We never read any of the notes found in the paper swept from the floor of the reading room. Most of it is already torn up and we haven't time to put the pieces together."

All our budding engineers should read this bit taken from the Western University Gazette. If any one should care to learn the secret of this invention, he is at liberty to write to the editor of the "Gazette".

Let's go.

Quite a furor was caused in the Physics Department recently when Mr. Matheson, one of the gentlemen demonstrators, announced the discovery of Henry Ford's long-dreamed of "mechanical cow."

It appears that in attempting to draw off a pail of what he supposed would be water, from one of the taps in the Mechanics Lab, a rich white, frothy liquid greeted him. Upon further inspection it appeared to be identical with the milk found at many city boarding houses.

Mr. Matheson is trying to secure the services of two men, one with brains and the other with capital, in order to put his product on the market. Meanwhile he hopes no one will tell the folks out at Lambeth that he is going to put them out of business.

### VARSITY WINS 3-0

By defeating the Dreadnaughts 3-0 at the Arena last night, Varsity chalked up their second win in the senior city hockey, assuming the league leadership.

### IMPRESSIONS OF EUROPE

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finished skill to his fellow-Cretans at the base of Mount Ida, where Zeus was born—if one of the aims of university training is to produce a gentleman, Dr. Stavrolakis has justified the existence of his alma mater. What a wonderful company all these would be to get together, say for a fish-dinner near the old fort on the Bay of Naples, there to listen to some marvellous Italian tenor (of about a class 50 rating in that land of song, but 1 plus with us) singing "Santa Lucia" for our entertainment betimes in the intervals of a conversation which would belt half the world in space and ages in time! Still, who can tell? Perhaps they are most pleasantly met in my own mind, where they all consort in perfect harmony!

My courage has grown mightily; never did I dream that I had seen so much of the universities of Europe as I have now clearly demonstrated myself to have done. I begin to have other educational glimpses. I remember the public school class room in Lisbon, about fifteen feet by twenty, where the chairs were so few that sections of the class occupied them in rotation, and where the teacher was so hard pressed that in a little cubby hole adjoining, a bright-eyed assistant of about ten years was running a tutorial class for those who gained supplementals in the larger room. No American extravagance here, you observe, and yet I wonder if these children weren't as happy and as healthy as those who have everything provided for them and are tested for all the medical and crimes in the calendar. Or that quaint little Arab school in the Kasba of Algiers presided over by a gentleman whose grave dignity impressed itself without further enforcing measures upon his dusky urchins, engaged upon laboriously forming strange characters in which for centuries was preserved the wisdom of Aristotle and the genius of Euclid? Or the public high school (lycée) of Algiers which poured forth at the noon hour its motley horde of French, Negro, and Arab lads, and caused one to wonder if France understood the management of these things better than we? Or shall I resuscitate in my mind that trim and goodly normal training school in Athens where the shrill little voices, engaged in their first classes on a broiling summer day, say about 7:30, insisted upon my return from the land of Nod to which the sand-flies had permitted my retirement only four or five hours before?

I love children's voices and I love church bells, but that church bell which rang like a fire alarm at 4:30, and those infant lays raised to the great goddess of Education (known, I believe, as I.Q.) at 7:30, tried my soul as it has not often been tried, and there was extra work those mornings for whoever it is that records idle words (and worse). Or shall I tell you how our little cavalcade swept into a Cretan village over a beautiful Roman mosaic pavement lying dead in the centre of the trail, and our guide with a reverent note in his voice pointed to a rather finer house than the rest, perched high on a perilous hillside, and said: "Richest man lives there!" "Ti Kame o Kyrios, parakalo?" (Please tell me what the gentleman does for his living!) "School-teacher!" comes the wholly unexpected answer. Ye gods! the school teacher the richest man! Still, we do read in the New Testament about all Cretans being liars, and is this not, therefore, as Cosmo saith in the Topographia Christiana, "established by considerations concerning which it is not lawful for a Christian to doubt?"

Perhaps before finishing I might say just a word about my own education and its progress during those months in Europe. The first lesson which I learned thoroughly was one I had come prepared to learn, the lesson of humility. I saw some small fraction of the treasures of European civilization; very well, expedite Heracles, what a store-house of wonder and beauty it is, that marvellous continent! I have no wish to minimize our own country's importance, and I realize that in some aspects it is great, or at all events, potentially great, but I cannot help feeling that these aspects are material aspects largely; we are as nothing in the sum of the great spiritual achievements of Western civilization. For fear that this may worry any of you, let me add that the same thing applies with equal force to our large and pushful neighbor-state. Both of us are strong on Plumbing (with a large P), but a little weak on the things that feed the soul. We cannot be great in the true sense of the word till we get our values re-adjusted on this western continent, and we need to sit at the feet of Europe for a few lessons on that subject. Do not think I am trying the idle task of representing Europe as perfect; she is far from that, but infinitely attractive despite her faults, perhaps because of them.

I thought I had some idea of what hard manual work was, more from observation, I will admit, than from experience, but I know now that I was utterly and entirely wrong. I have never seen and never expect to see anything comparable with the sheer dogged industry of a Greek or Italian peasant, wrestling a scant living from a reluctant soil, literally earning his bread in the sweat of his brow. Up and at work incredibly early, trudging in from his field to the village incredibly late, possessing few tools, and unsustained by the consoling thought of a paternal government from whom a loan or a moratorium can be secured for the

asking, he is engaged in a grim and relentless wrestle with Nature, and in that wrestle he shows not the slightest evidence of being a quitter. I know now that I am a loafer beside him, and I have lost forever all my alibis about working, or being worked, too hard; when I feel the strain of self-pity developing, I send my mental eye roving to some olive-orchard in the plain of Amphissa or some threshing-floor beside storied Delphi, where people really work and don't complain about it. Frugality too—what sinful wasters are we on this continent, and, no doubt, what a crop of diseases we bring down upon ourselves by our eating morning, noon, and night, and any time in between we find it convenient! I should like to see some of our beefy business men (the true American type) trained for six weeks on a Greek peasant's food and a Greek peasant's work; it would be to the good of their souls and bodies; if these were still co-existing at the end of the time.

In fine, should any of you, my readers, attain the seats of the mighty in legislature or parliament and thus be in a position perhaps to secure for a friend a post as Canadian Commissioner (High, Low or Middle) "somewhere in Europe" (Mediterranean area), be so good as to think of my superlative worthiness for the post, irrespective of what the duties may be. Only do it soon, before I freeze up permanently in the land of the Hyperboreans; I prefer to perish by heat in the island of Minos.

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## INDIVIDUALITY AND COLLEGE EDUCATION

(A Prize Essay from the Western "U" Gazette)

Do Canadian colleges generally, tend to develop the individualities of their students? Let it first be plainly understood that no college system, curriculum or faculty is responsible for that essentially personal power known as student individuality. Factors which are responsible are atmosphere, custom, fashion and the inclinations of the Freshman.

Much, indeed, depends upon the atmosphere, for it is the habit of us all to breathe deeply of college atmosphere, one which is combined of multifarious inspirations derived from books and from thought, from fellowship and from associative influence. Each student brings with him an atmosphere of his own, that of his province, his town, and his home, which contributing to the homogeneous atmosphere of college, makes it what it is for both himself and others. The predominance of a "type" of student decides the general type of atmosphere; and from this fact we acquire such expressions as scholastic, liberal, stimulating, lofty, light, serious, and—individualistic—in reference to the type of spirit which runs through all our associations.

Thos. Edison once made the rather significant declaration that "A college education kills versatility." Students who have been born with such a gift know that Edison was right. The cause is easily made evident when we examine the period of growth separating Freshman and Senior. When a boy or girl enters college he is not influenced primarily by intellectual interests. He is mentally immature, a bundle of untrained enthusiasms that are not motivated by intellectual awakenings; eager, animated, childlike, craving not knowledge so much as human association and excitement. But at least he is versatile. And then there comes—as in all things that grow—a change. New words are opened up to him. He is awed now, not by student activities and organizations, but by consciousness of the greatness of the human mind and civilization. With the realization of his own insignificance in the scheme of creation and progress comes the consciousness of his own limitations mentally and it means almost paralysis. Unless the student is fortified by the much-scorning and yet much-to-be-admired quality of "ego" the result is more or less disastrous to the student's individuality.

Have you ever noticed the air of sobriety which hovers round a Senior? It was not there four years before, and it bespeaks the maturity that knowledge has brought to a ready mind. Down deep in the Senior's heart there is a little sadness, too, and much discomfiture, unconsciously shaping the circle of

his philosophic reflection. For, looking backward over the years, though he marvels at the widening of his own mental, spiritual and even emotional experience, he yet considers "what might have been!"

What might have been! Neglected study? Perhaps. But I rather think it is something else. During that period of four years what was once the boy has been gradually made the man. The process has been both pleasant and harrowing. Great things have been gained—but oh! for the lost ones back again! Oh, that he were himself and not—a great deal of "books" and "other people."

Unconsciously, he is longing for individuality. Independent thought, mental resource, creative power, originality, personality, character. Such terms are familiar to us all as abstractions, but they are the vital features of individuality. Have we students developed or acquired any or all of these characteristics? In the majority of cases observations force a negative reply. Such a lamentable condition is not without its sources.

For one thing, the tendency of student thought and energy is inevitably perverted. Some of us throw all kinds of mental and physical energy into student organization and say "we are worked to death." Others devote all their time to books and looking "smug" the while. Seldom do we have enough interest in problems that exist outside our college walls. Few of us feel keenly the shaping and drifting of the moral and social world, because, we say, "It is getting better all the time." We are not reformers in spirit and we have the best equipment for the purpose! Within us the spark of originality, creation, and construction smoulders but never flares up, quenched by the realization of what greater than we have done. Our habitual and requisite custom of consulting books has widened our outlook upon life, as it has increased the capacity of our minds, but it has robbed us of intellectual self-reliance. Moreover (and this is a big factor) our love of society and companionship, our slavish following of fashion even in dress, our desire not to be "eccentric" or "different" has given us a sameness that may brand us as "college folk," but certainly does not make us stand out as the "leaders" we are supposed to be. We are types, not characters; too much of each other and not enough of ourselves.

Individuality involves self-expression, unhindered, unobserved. It is the power that brings into the world new conception, new theories, new inventions. And it is more. In the course of our intellectual adventure we must cling to something old, something that is essentially our own, and lofty,—ideals, if you will, but they must be imbued with a spirit that is ours and nature's. Isolation is imagination, brotherhood is reality—therein lies the secret of individuality.

Returning to the Senior, why does he sober down? Has he, in contrast to the Freshman, lost zest? Not at all. He has merely arrived at the much-needed realization of having misplaced his enthusiasm. The great real world is soon to be before him and he will be but as one small part of a mighty, surging force. Individuality is the one hope that will keep him from being pushed into the background. The years that bring the philosophic mind are not yet his, but he is conscious of their approach and somehow, he does not want to settle down; he wants to feel the zeal and confidence of youth.

If he is the kind who can feel great things (few of us are), a glow of new power pervades his being; the soul awakens, the mind reacts. Individuality again begins to grow.

There is not much of poetry in undergraduates. They are zealous, painstaking, practical, sportsmanlike, sociable. But after all we do not come to college to express ourselves solely through student organizations and in winning popularity at social functions. Neither do we come to cram our unprepared brains with learning that does not know how, when or where to place itself. But I do think that college is meant to make us as much of the poet as we can be. Poetry comes out in us in various ways, but often it comes only when we are old, and it is a pity—for poetry in youth is a glorious thing.

Has anyone wondered why, or even noticed that, the uneducated person has more originality and spontaneity than the educated? Of a meagre sort, to be sure, but none the less natural. Perhaps it is due to the fact that what a man does not know, obviously he has to find out by his own accord and usually it is by observation, introspection and reasoning on his own part. He learns independently. We college students base all our ideas on those acquired through contact with the great thinkers who have expressed themselves in books. We grow by such a process, but how much more would we benefit if we were to be guided, not submerged, by what they reveal to us! Is it not possible sometimes to forget our books and our associates and let imagination play upon the germs of thought that lie dormant within us? Cannot we all be "different" and yet harmonize? Let us remember that if genius had been afraid of appearing eccentric the world would be almost that which it would be without man.

## RESULTS MENTAL EFFICIENCY TESTS

(From Argosy Weekly)

(Editor's Note.—The Argosy Weekly is the student publication of Mt. Allison University. The information given in this article is of special interest to Alberta students in view of the fact that they have all undergone similar mental tests, on their entrance into University.)

Our readers are aware that we have had, these last two years, mental tests taken of our new students and of other students who are interested along the lines of philosophy. In this matter, as in all others, Mount Allison is not far behind the times and the examples which have been set by the foremost universities of this continent. The reason for such tests of intelligence being taken is, of course, apparent to all who have any idea of present day psychology. The relationship between the tests and the studies, or rather the relationship between the marks made on the tests and on the various subjects is not so well known. So it will be of some interest to compare a brief survey of the results as they have been found here, considering also the comparative standards of the male and female students.

President G. J. Trueman of this university, who is taking such a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the students, their abilities and capacities as well as their work here, has also a regard for the future lying before the individuals who pass through our portals. With this in mind last year he gave some of Mount Allison students their first mental tests. He has also kindly supplied at the request of the editors the information which we are offering to our readers.

One way of comparing two groups is to find the per cent. of one group that equals or exceeds the median of the other group. By the median is meant the middle one of the group after they have been arranged according to size. For instance, if we were comparing the young men and the young women of the University as to height, we could arrange the young women in a row, the tallest at one end, the shortest at the other, and the others in their correct places between. The height of the young women in the middle would be the median height of the women. Arrange the men in similar order and march them along parallel to the line of women, the tallest man leading in the direction of the tallest woman, until a man the height of the median woman is opposite the median woman. Probably about 80 per cent. of the men will have passed the median woman, and 20 per cent. will be below her in the line. That is, 80 per cent. of the men equal or exceed in height the median woman, while 20 per cent. of the men will be in the lower half of the line where are the 50 per cent. of the women.

There have been various comparisons made between men and women students and results have often been expressed in this way.

One examiner after a study of high school students reported as follows:

English	30%
Algebra	41%
Geometry	53%
Latin	29%
History	60%
German	34%
Chemistry	58%
Physics	61%

These per cents. would be interpreted thus! In English only 33 per cent. of the men were as good as the median woman; that is, only 33 per cent. of the men made a sufficiently good standing to be classed with the best 50 per cent. of the women, and 67 per cent. of the men were down with the lower half of the women. In Physics 61 per cent. of the men were up with the better 50 per cent. of the women.

Last summer a study was made of a few of the groups at Mount Allison University, using the terminal examinations with the following results:

Physics I	38%
History	60%
Geometry I	56%
Algebra	50%
English I and II	32%
Latin I and II	27%

Intelligence Tests, 1924, given new students and a few students of Psychology

The differences shown are striking. The women greatly excelled in languages, including English, while the men did not have much advantage in mathematics. The marked superiority of the standing of the women in Physics was so unusual that I looked up the freshman class for the previous year, and found the per cent. for 1923 to be just the same, 38 per cent.

Taking the average of the subjects given, the women did considerably better than the men, and yet in the intelligence tests the men had a decided lead.

If we take it for granted that the Intelligence Tests were as fair to women as to men, we are forced to conclude that the women were better prepared than the men, or that they were better workers,—perhaps both.

It is held by some students of human nature that women average as well as men in mental work, but that the span is wider among men. If so we would expect to find men more often at the head and at the foot of a class list.

Taking the subjects already mentioned, the following results are found:

Physics I, 1923 and 1924, women average the higher, but men lead and foot the list.
History, men average higher and lead and foot the list.
Geometry, men average higher and lead and foot the list.
Algebra, average equal—men lead and foot the list.
English I and II, women average higher, men lead and foot the list.
French I and II, women average higher; span about equal.

## STUDENTS ALIKE THE WORLD OVER

Dr. Herbert Heaton, of Adelaide University, Gives His Impressions of English, Canadian and American Under-graduates

On the occasion of the recent visit of Dr. Herbert Heaton, Director of Economic Studies in the University of Adelaide, the class in Political Economy 66 was treated to a delightful talk by this representative of one of Australia's universities. He discussed university student conditions in Australia and contrasted these with student conditions in English and American universities. The class has Dr. MacGibbon to thank for the pleasure of this classroom visit from such a distinguished economist.

### Australian Universities

Professor Heaton remarked briefly some aspects of university life in Australia. It is a contrast in many respects to our own. Due to a well-developed system of scholarships, a large percentage of the students in an Australian university have their fees paid for them. The usual custom in Canada of students earning in the long summer vacation a "few thousand," and on the strength of this taking a full time course during the university session is not at all common in Australia. The great majority of Australian students, especially during their senior years, work in office or school-room during the day and take university lectures in the evenings. There seems to be a marked distaste among university students in Australia for politics. We find, continued the speaker, graduates entering the professions in large numbers, but few going into public life. The universities of Australia are, in respect to age, comparable to the prairie universities. They have the same problems of establishment and expansion.

### American Schools

Dr. Heaton has very vivid impressions of the organized rooting so conspicuous in American university life. "The cheer leaders with their wonderful contortions, electrified and electrocuted me," remarked the speaker. The social life of a university on this continent also impresses the visitor. In Australia, especially in Adelaide and Melbourne, the cities contain such a relatively large part of the state's population that the majority of students are what we call over-town students. This curtails university sport, social or other activities considerably. The elaborate preparation we make for Freshmen also fell under the doctor's

notice. "In Australia nobody takes any notice of a Freshman, and that is often quite as effective," stated Mr. Heaton.

### Sports Compared

Australia is predominantly an outdoor country, and due to this she excels in sports such as tennis, rowing or cricket, which can be pursued throughout the year in that country. Australian and Canadian rugby offer interesting contrasts. The Australian game is much more open with a great amount of running and kicking, compared to our line bucking and tendency to massed formations. Catching the kicked ball is such a feature of the Australian game that Dr. Heaton's impression of Australian rugby is that of a group of un-plated players high in air reaching for the descending ball; in fact, a group strongly suggestive of a specimen of Greek sculpture. Contrasted to this the American game could well be described in the words, "Sixteen men on a dead man's chest, Yo Ho and a bottle of water!"

### The Typical Student

Although the student body in Australia affords some contrasts to a similar body in England or Canada, yet in so many respects they are identical. "They are like as two peas in a pod," said Dr. Heaton, "in their loyalty to their university, and in their avowed hatred of all lectures."

### VARIED PROGRAM AT PHILOSOPHY

Seven meetings comprise the remainder of the Philosophical Society gatherings for the term. Of these the public lectures are three, to be given on January 28, February 25 and March 25 respectively, in Convocation Hall, Arts Building, at 8:15 p.m. There are four members' meetings, all held in 135 Arts Building.

The following is the program for the remainder of the 1925 session: Jan. 14—"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," W. Dixon Craig.

Jan. 28—"Greece Yesterday and Today," W. H. Alexander, M.A., Ph.D.

Feb. 11—"Back to the King's Highway," K. A. Clarke, M.A., Ph.D. Feb. 25—"David Thompson, Fur Trader and Explorer," N. C. Pitcher, B.Sc.

March 11—"The Rod in Education," S. R. Laycock, M.A., B.Ed.

March 25—"The Modern Hospital," R. T. Washburn, M.D.

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